

City of Lakeville, Minnesota Social Media Comment Policy

Purpose

This page is maintained by the Communications Department of the City of Lakeville to provide timely and accurate information to the public. Comments are moderated to ensure lawful, respectful and effective communication.

Limited Public Forum Notice

This page's comment section is considered a **limited public forum**. This page is not intended to be a forum for official public hearings or deliberation as defined under Minnesota's Open Meeting Law. In accordance with the First Amendment, the City may impose reasonable, viewpoint-neutral restrictions on comment participation to serve legitimate governmental interests, including public safety, records management and operational efficiency.

Comment Participation

The City may disable comments on certain posts, including but not limited to:

- Emergency notifications and public safety alerts
- Legal, personnel or investigative matters
- Informational notices not intended for discussion

These limitations are applied **uniformly and without regard to viewpoint**.

Moderation Standards

Comments may be hidden if they contain:

- Obscene or pornographic content
- Hate speech or discriminatory language
- Spam, commercial promotions or solicitations
- Content unrelated to the topic of the post
- Material asserted to violate the intellectual property of another person
- Private, confidential or nonpublic information as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13
- Private, personal information about a person published without his/her consent
- Misinformation that could compromise public safety
- Information that endangers the public by compromising a public safety security system
- Hyperlinks to material that falls into at least one of the foregoing categories
- Content that violates Facebook's community standards

Comments are **not** removed based on disagreement with City policies or officials.

Should your comment be removed by the City and you believe it does not fall into one of the above categories, contact the City in writing to explain how the comment does not fall into one of these categories.

Should you wish to challenge the legality of any portion of this notice of the City's social media policy you may contact communications@lakevillemn.gov in writing and explain the basis for the challenge in detail.

If you have any other questions about the City of Lakeville social media page, contact communications@lakevillemn.gov.

Public Records Notice

Content posted on this page, including comments and messages, **may constitute public records** under the **Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minn. Stat. Chapter 13)** and the **Official Records Act (Minn. Stat. Chapter 138)**.

Such records may be retained in accordance with approved **Minnesota records retention schedules** and may be subject to public disclosure upon request.

Alternative Communication Channels

Members of the public are encouraged to share feedback or concerns through official channels, including:

- City Council, Commission or Board meetings (schedule can be found: LakevilleMN.gov)
- Website: LakevilleMN.gov ([Questions/Comments](#))
- Email: councilinfo@lakevillemn.gov
- Phone: 952-985-4400

By accessing, using, or posting to this City of Lakeville social media page, you acknowledge you have been advised of the foregoing.